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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Most of the American barreled apples offered for sale on the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, September 26, were of the "Virginia Early Export" grade and the demand in general was moderate to good, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Supplies of Virginia Yorks, Bonum and Jonathans were liberal but only light supplies of other barreled varieties were available. Liberal supplies of American pears were being offered on the Liverpool market during the past week, states Mr. Smith.

The bulk of the Virginia York Imperials on the Liverpool auction showed more color than during the preceding weeks. Shipments arrived firm and in good condition and the demand was active. The market for the week closed at \$5.84 to \$6.08 for fruit in good condition and color as against \$6.33 to \$6.81 for fruit in similar color and condition last week. Poorly colored Yorks brought from 50 cents to \$1.00 per barrel less. Most of the Virginia Jonathans arrived in variable condition. There was a good demand, however, for fruit in good condition, "Virginia Early Export", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock, selling at from \$5.84 to \$6.33 per barrel. The bulk of the Virginia Bonum likewise arrived in variable condition, "Virginia Early Export" grades, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock, selling moderately at from \$5.11 to \$5.60 per barrel. There was a good demand for Virginia Stayman Winesaps and Ben Davis but only a slow demand for Virginia Grimes. There was much overripe fruit in the latter variety but good condition stock ranged from \$5.11 to \$5.60 per barrel for U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch fruit. Grimes of good color and bright appearance in London brought from \$5.84 to \$6.33 per barrel. Yorks brought about the same in London as in Liverpool. The demand for barreled apples in the London market is improving, states Mr. Smith.

Boxed apples in general were only in light to moderate supply and the demand for most of the stock was good to active. Washington Jonathans and Oregon Gravensteins were actively competed for. Extra Fancy Jonathans from Washington sold quickly at \$3.65 per box for 150/163/175 sizes, while combination packs of Extra Fancy and Fancy Jonathans of the same size brought \$3.59. Fancy Gravensteins from Oregon brought \$3.28 per box as against \$2.92 to \$3.16 per box last week. There was only a moderate demand for California Newtons, Fancy fruit in good condition bringing from \$2.62 to \$2.68 per box for the 150/163/175 sizes as against \$2.80 to \$2.92 for similar size and grade stock in fair condition last week. The demand for Washington Grimes was slow although the fruit offered was in good condition.

Hamburg

The Hamburg market for American apples on Thursday was showing strength, according to Mr. Smith. Both barreled and boxed varieties were in light supply and prices for fruit in good condition were about the same as those paid in Liverpool.

Prices paid for American fruit in Liverpool on Wednesday, September 19
and 26 and in Hamburg on Thursday, September 27

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		September 19	September 26
LIVERPOOL:		<u>Per bbl.</u>	<u>Per bbl.</u>
York Imperial:			
"Virginia Early Export", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	Virginia	<u>a/</u>	\$5.84 - 6.08
"Virginia Early Export", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (poorly colored).....	"	<u>a/</u>	4.87 - 5.60
Unclassified, 2 inch	"	\$6.57 - 6.81	<u>a/</u>
Ben Davis:			
"Virginia Early Export", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	<u>a/</u>	5.47 - 5.84
Unclassified, 2 in. (fair cond.):	"	4.11 - 4.32	<u>a/</u>
Bonum:			
"Virginia Early Export", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	<u>a/</u>	5.11 - 5.60
Unclassified, 2 in. (fair cond.):	"	<u>a/</u>	3.89 - 4.38
Stayman:			
"Virginia Early Export", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	<u>a/</u>	5.72 - 6.20
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	<u>a/</u>	3.65 - 3.89
Northwestern Greening:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	<u>b/</u>	<u>a/</u>	6.33
Jonathan:			
"Virginia Early Export", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	Virginia	<u>a/</u>	5.84 - 6.33
Unclassified, 2 inch	"	6.81 - 7.06	<u>a/</u>
Grimes:			
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	<u>a/</u>	5.11 - 5.60
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (poor cond.):	"	<u>a/</u>	4.14 - 4.87
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch	"	4.87 - 5.35	<u>a/</u>
Winesap:			
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	<u>a/</u>	3.95 - 4.32
Jonathan:		<u>Per box</u>	<u>Per box</u>
Extra Fancy, 150/163/175	Washington	<u>a/</u>	3.53
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	<u>a/</u>	2.92 - 3.53
Fancy, 150/163/175	"	<u>a/</u>	3.41
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	<u>a/</u>	2.80 - 3.28
Combination, Extra Fancy and			
Fancy, 150/163/175	"	3.71	3.59
Combination, Extra Fancy and			
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	<u>a/</u>	2.92 - 3.41
Grimes:			
Extra Fancy, 150/163/175	Washington	<u>a/</u>	2.60
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	<u>a/</u>	2.19 - 2.68
Gravenstein:			
Fancy, 150/163/175	Oregon	2.92 - 3.16	3.26
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	<u>a/</u>	2.92 - 3.16
Yellow Newtown:			
Fancy, 150/163/175	California	2.80 - 2.92 <u>c/</u>	2.62 - 2.68
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	<u>a/</u>	2.19

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Prices paid for American fruit in Liverpool on Wednesday, September 19
and 26 and in Hamburg on Thursday, September 27, continued

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		September 19	September 26
<u>LIVERPOOL:</u>		<u>Per half box</u>	<u>Per half box</u>
Pears:			
Comice	California	a/	\$2.19 - 2.43
Clairgeau	"	a/	2.43 - 2.62
		<u>Per box</u>	<u>Per box</u>
Hardy	"	\$4.14 - 4.38	4.08 - 4.62
Anjou	Washington	a/	3.71 - 4.14
Howell	"	a/	2.68 - 3.16
		<u>Per bbl.</u>	<u>Per bbl.</u>
Bartlett	New York	9.85-10.71	8.03 - 8.76
		<u>Per case</u>	<u>Per case</u>
Grapefruit	California	a/	5.60 - 5.96
		<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
		<u>September 20</u>	<u>September 27</u>
<u>HAMBURG:</u>		<u>Per box</u>	<u>Per box</u>
Jonathan:			
Fancy, 138/163	Washington	a/	3.16 - 3.65
King David:			
Fancy, 138/163	"	a/	2.92 - 3.41
		<u>Per bbl.</u>	<u>Per bbl.</u>
Gano	Virginia	a/	7.06
Grimes	"	a/	5.84 - 6.08

a/ None quoted. b/ Exact origin not specified in cable. c/ Fair condition.

